

## Natasha Kingbird

### MMIR Office Advisory Council Member

I am an enrolled Band member of the Red Lake Nation. Both my parents are from Red Lake and my maternal grandfather was enrolled in the White Earth Band of Ojibwe. I am a mother of six children and a grandmother of two children.

I'm currently employed at the Mending the Sacred Hoop as Operations Coordinator and hoping to gain more experience working with Tribal Nations throughout Indian Country. I have spent six years working in the Ombishkaa Program (Rising Up). The Ombishkaa program helps our Indigenous relatives who are coming home from correctional facilities.

I am a motivated community advocate and organizer for MMIW218 which is a group of Indigenous women with various backgrounds who coordinate the missing and murdered Indigenous woman (MMIW) events in the Bemidji area. I have knowledge of the Anishinaabe worldview and utilize my lived experience in helping those in need. I am currently working on my Indigenous Leadership degree at Leech Lake Tribal College.

I sit on Violence Free Minnesota's Board of Directors and the Northwoods Battered Women's Shelter, which helps me understand the broader aspects of domestic violence and sexual violence. I am also a member of the MMIR office Advisory Council and MNCASA.